



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

The budget work for this next year is now complete and I am extremely proud of the hard work exerted by the city staff and your elected city council members. As I have been mentioning in prior issues of our newsletter, developing a workable budget this year has been more than a challenge. With the passing of Amendment 1, the devaluation of real estate prices, and the current financial crisis, many municipalities find themselves drastically cutting services and even yielding control of some municipal departments to Palm Beach County.

Here in Atlantis we are fortunate that many years of prudent spending and fiscally sound budgetary preparation allowed us to maneuver through this process while decreasing taxes, yet maintaining the integrity of the critical services that you demand for your tax dollar. Now, a rosy picture is not what I intend to paint here. Although successfully delivering a sound budget, the process did not leave us unscathed. The truth is that the recent real estate market decline caused Atlantis taxable values to plummet over thirty three million dollars compared to the previous year, the effects of Amendment 1 reduced revenues by over one hundred thousand dollars, and our overall tax revenue decreased by five percent. The result has been a further tightening of our belts in all operational areas, as well as the postponement of non-critical capital projects.

Compared to most other municipalities we have been well prepared; yet the coming months and the upcoming Presidential election will provide greater clarity as to how we need to position ourselves to best endure the economic difficulties facing us. As a municipality, we cannot ignore the realities of the hardships faced by our residents. Whether year round, or seasonal residents, times are not easy, but it is through our ongoing hard work and undying commitment to best serve you that we do our part to try make these difficult times more tolerable.

I know that the somber tone to this message is not what I normally try to convey but make no mistake that I remain certain that we will overcome the adversities facing us.

Now, more than ever, I remind you that your attendance at the monthly city council meetings is invaluable. As a reminder, these meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the council chambers. Therefore, our next meeting is October 15.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Serving Proudly,

Mayor Manny Fernandez

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SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 4, 2009
ATLANTIS BIG 50TH
CELEBRATION

Changes for 2009
Directory should be
called in by 11/14/08

HALLOWEEN PARTY DETAILS INSIDE



NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 2008

Spotlight on: Election Day Poll Workers



Sitting: Carolyn George, Beverly Daniels, Maxine Edwards;
Standing: Phyllis Applefield, Pat Clerici, Dottie Angelos;
Not shown: Liz King

With our national election coming up next month, you'll see some familiar faces when you go to the polls...many of the volunteers who verify your voter registration, hand you your ballot, direct you to the machines, and give you an "I voted" sticker have been doing this for years!

Maxine Edwards is the **Clerk**, and is responsible for overall operations, including transporting the marked ballots and memory cartridges to a central election center. Beginning her service to the City more than 30 years ago as an elections inspector, Maxine became the Clerk in 1980. She grew up in Ohio and went to college in Orlando. She and her now deceased husband raised 3 children; Maxine has been a real estate agent for 28 years, the last 11 of them with Atlantis Realty. When she's not working, she enjoys playing bridge, decorating and gardening.

Pat Clerici is one of our volunteers with the longest track record—40 years! The City of Atlantis became a separate precinct in 1968, and she was one of the first to step up to help on election day. Pat grew up in Lake Worth and became a nurse, working for private physicians and at JFK Hospital. She and her husband Jack (our Mayor from 1967-1971) raised a son and 3 daughters, and have 3 grandsons and 2 great-grandsons. Her hobbies are gardening and walking.

Beverly Daniels is our other record holder! Like Pat, she started working at the polls in 1968. Also a native of Lake Worth, she and her husband Charlie (a City Council Member from 1968 – 1971) raised 3 children. They have 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Pat's hobbies are traveling and raising her family—"every time I turn around, there's more!"

Liz King was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, where she went to high school and junior college. Liz has always been interested in women's fashion: she worked in a dress shop in Delray Beach for many years, and for the past 26 years she has had her own agency for the Carlisle Collection (a line of women's clothes), holding trunk shows four times a year. Her husband John died in 2002; she has 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Her hobbies are cooking, needlepoint and exercising. Liz has been working at our elections for more than 30 years—she filled in for a friend that first year and has been doing it since.

Carolyn George is currently a resident of Lake Worth, although she lived in Atlantis until 1 ½ years ago. She grew up in Wayne, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia, and attended Steven's School and Centenary College, where she studied fine arts. Mother of a son and daughter, and grandmother of 2, Carolyn collects cookbooks, and enjoys cooking and gardening. She began working at our polls in 1994 because, as a new resident, she thought it would be a neat thing to do and a good way to meet people.

Dottie Angelos spent her early years in Michigan. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education and continued to teach in her native state. She has 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren. She's lived in Atlantis since 1986, and enjoys reading fiction as well as outdoor activities like golf, walking and biking. Dottie has been an election volunteer since 2003, and sees her involvement as something constructive and rewarding that she can do for her community.

Phyllis Applefield grew up in Montgomery, Alabama and is a graduate of the University of Alabama. She continued her education at Montclair (New Jersey) State University and worked with a friend in the art business. She is widowed and has two daughters and a son, all of whom live in Florida. She enjoys writing and golf. Phyllis joined the election workers 5 or 6 years ago after Libby Orlen, who was another of these grand ladies, convinced her to join the group.

How has Election Day in Atlantis changed since 1968? Beverly remembers that in 1968 there were 49 registered voters who marked their paper ballot with a pencil and put it in a shoe box! We now have 1500-1600 registered voters and have gone from using pencils and paper, to pulling levers behind closed curtains, then to "touch screens" and now to a system of paper ballots, optical scanners and memory cartridges. (That sounds like a high-tech paper, pencil and shoebox system!)

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ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

THE Second Budget Hearing was called to order on September 17, 2008 at 7:00pm

After a long discussion, the adoption of the final millage rate for 2008-2009 (Resolution No. 08-23) passed 4-1. The millage rate of 6.0500 went up, but our taxes will go down due to the current real estate market.

Resolution No. 08-24—Adopting the Budget for 2008-2009 also passed 4-1.

As explained by Treasurer Michael Dahlgren, our budget is not one of desperation due to the fact that Atlantis has the experience of good and prudent budgeting over the years. Everything should work out fine, as usual, as Atlantis is accustomed to a conservative budget.

The Council meeting immediately followed.

Resolution No. 08-25—Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Certain Agreement with JFK Medical Center for Emergency Room Security, passed 5-0. The agreement contains a 30-Day Termination Clause if this becomes not in our best interest.

Resolution 08-26—Adopted an Updated Comprehensive Fee Schedule for city charges, and passed 5-0.

A Proclamation designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week was signed by the Mayor.

Howard Coates who is running for State House District 85 Seat briefly addressed council and the public. If elected, he would be replacing Shelley Vana.

William Mitchell
(Official Minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS BY CHIEF ROBERT MANGOLD

Crime Prevention: According to 2007 Florida Crime Statistics an auto burglary occurs approximately every 4 minutes. This crime is usually one of opportunity, hence it can be avoided. By practicing the following crime prevention tips you can dramatically reduce your exposure to this criminal activity.

Prevention Tips

- Close your windows & lock your doors (the simplest & easiest prevention technique).
- Remove valuables or place them in the trunk of your automobile (if possible prior to reaching your destination, if not do it discreetly).
- Remove 'pull-out' style radio face plates (if equipped).
- Park in well lit areas when possible.
- Park where your car will be easily & frequently viewed (natural surveillance)
- Use a car alarm, it will alert anyone nearby.
- Do not confront an auto burglar as he may be armed; call the police immediately with a description of the subject(s) and the getaway vehicle and tag.

BY THE NUMBERS

30 - The seconds it takes for a thief to break into your car and steal your valuables!

20 - The seconds it takes to put your valuables into your trunk, out of sight!

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

SEPTEMBER 2008

Total Enforcement:	240	Total Parking:	2
Citations:	234	Citations:	1
Written Warnings:	6	Written Warning:	1

CRIME STATISTICS AUGUST 2008

<u>Major</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Burglary (Structure & Vehicle)	1	4
Theft (Grand & Petit)	2	

Election Day Poll Workers (Concluded)

Pat is proud that we have always had a high voter turnout, somewhere between 60-75%, a participation level that is much higher than in other precincts. She attributes that in part to the fact that it's pretty easy to vote in Atlantis—the polling center in Council Chambers is easy to get to, and residents seem to enjoy seeing one another at the polls.

What kind of training do you need to work as an election inspector or clerk?

All poll workers must attend 3 or 4 hours of classes at Palm Beach County Election Center before every election, whether it's a primary or general election, Carolyn said. And as Clerk, Maxine attends an all-day session. Election officials review all the procedures that poll workers must follow, including how to work with voters who need assistance. (Note: Those who need assistance from a spouse or friends must fill out an affidavit ahead of time; without this affidavit, a poll worker of a different political party can help them.) This year, the new voting system was a key topic at the training sessions: poll workers received training in mid-July (before the August election) and again in late September.

What does a typical Election Day look like for you? “The process actually begins earlier,” Maxine explained. “The County’s Election Center delivers the machines a couple of days ahead of time, and on Monday, I pick up the ‘Clerk’s Bag,’ with the ballots, paperwork and equipment needed to verify registration and carry out the voting process.

“Then on Tuesday, we start setting up at 6:00 in the morning. There’s quite a bit of paperwork to complete, and we sign payroll sheets and post “*No cell phones*” and “*No smoking*” signs. When the polls open at 7:00, the deputy clerk sits near the front door to remind voters to take out their photo ID and to make sure there’s no lobbying going on.”

Phyllis continued, “Voters check in with a poll worker to verify their registration. We need a government-issued photo ID (a Costo or Sam’s card isn’t good enough!), and we have to ask everyone to confirm their address, even if we know where they live. If there’s a question about whether someone is eligible to vote, the precinct advisor investigates. Once we’ve confirmed that someone is properly registered, we hand them a ballot. Voters mark their ballots and insert them into the optical scanner, then exit the polling place after getting their “I voted” sticker.”

Dottie added, “We take turns eating lunch and taking bathroom breaks. We can’t leave the building until the polls close and we’ve taken the machines down. The City employees are very helpful and make sure we have coffee throughout the day.”

“When the polls close at 7:00 pm,” Maxine said, “I remove the cartridges from the optical scanners and take them and the paper ballots to a collection center in Boynton Beach. Another poll worker, who must be registered in a different political party than I am, comes with me.”

How about the not-so-typical election of 2000?

Beverly and Pat said that there were no real problems in Atlantis, but Palm Beach County’s Supervisor of Elections ordered that all polls remain open until 9:00 pm. “So we didn’t get any dinner, just left over muffins! We had a very long day: from 6 am until 9pm, and then we had to disassemble the equipment and put Council Chambers back in order—we like to leave it as we found it.”

Why do you volunteer as a poll worker?

Answers from everybody in the conversation were similar—they love living in our city and see their service to its residents as a civic duty. Those who have been election workers for many years have seen several generations of Atlantis residents come to the polls—that’s very special, they say. They love the camaraderie, fun and social aspects of the day!

Do you have any messages for our residents before they vote next month?

- First of all, please vote!
- Bring your photo ID—your driver’s license is perfect!
- Be informed and objective; vote your conscience.
- We’re here to assist you as much as we can; but reading the information you will receive in the mail about how to vote with the new ballots and machines ahead of time would be helpful.

So, many thanks to all our volunteers. Give them a special hello on November 4th—they’d be happy if you brought them some snacks, too!

Pat Matulis

It's your party... celebrate 50 years!

The big party to celebrate our City's 50th anniversary is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 (rain date April 5). We're planning a parade, buffet dinner, and games for the kids—and we'll cap off the festivities with fireworks! Future issues of *City News* will have more details about events, times, and locations, as well as information about how you and your family can participate in the gala affair. We're also putting together a commemorative book and DVD. Please help by sending us your stories and photos, either by e-mail (Atlantis50th@atlantisfl.gov) or by bringing them to City Hall. Please put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photos, and we'll make sure you get them back.

Another way to participate is to be a sponsor. All contributions are tax-deductible, and we are asking Atlantis-based businesses to be sponsors, too. There are several opportunities for sponsorship:

Gold (Title Sponsor): \$25,000 Banner display in parade, logo on all written materials, recognition for 2009 calendar year and in all media releases, and 2-page ad in commemorative book.

Silver (Fireworks): \$15,000 Banner display in parade, logo on all written materials, recognition for 2009 calendar year and all media releases, and 1-page ad in commemorative book

Bronze (T-shirts): \$10,000 Logo on T-shirt sleeve and on all written materials, recognition for 2009 calendar year and all media releases, 1/2-page ad in commemorative book (sponsored by JFK Medical Center)

Table and chairs for picnic: \$7500

Children's games: \$5000

Sound & Stage: \$2500

Commemorative bag: \$2500

Trolley: \$2500

Commemorative pin: \$1500

Marching band: \$1500

License plates: \$1500

If you are interested in being a sponsor for one of the categories listed above (sponsorships can be shared with another family or resident), please contact Mo Thornton at City Hall (965-1744).

You can also place a congratulatory ad in the commemorative book. Each page is approximately 5 X 7 inches. You can choose: 1/4-page (\$25); 1/2-page (\$50); 1-page (\$100). See the other side of this page for examples and to submit your ad for publication.

We look forward to your participation on April 4 and thank you for your support as we celebrate 50 years of Atlantis, a Paradise Found.



Atlantis, Paradise Found
1959-2009

50th Anniversary Booklet

Choose a size and format (see examples on left) or make up your own message, and return this form with your check (payable to City of Atlantis) to Milo Thornton, 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis, FL 33462

Select a size:

- ☐ full-page ad (\$100) ☐ 1/2-page ad (\$50)
☐ 1/4-page ad (\$25)

Select a format: _____

Please use this message instead:

How you want your name(s) to be printed?

Name and address:

Phone number: _____

**The Fernandez Family
Congratulates**

**The City of Atlantis
On 50 Successful
Years**

**Manny, Diane, Nick,
Andre and Danielle
Fernandez**

Format #1

Format #2

Your Name Here

*Congratulations to the City
of Atlantis on 50 Years*

*Best Wishes to the
City of Atlantis*

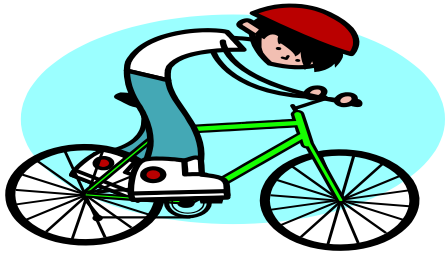
*50 years and going
strong*

*David, Logan and
Tyler Kintz*

Format #3

Format #4

*Vicki and Clayton Rautbord
Congratulate the City of
Atlantis on 50 years of
greatness.*



ATLANTIS SECOND ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

and it was an overwhelming success! Thanks to those residents who came out and a very special thanks to our devoted committee who worked so tirelessly to make this event memorable. Committee members included Diana Fernandez, Cathy Higgins, Keller Lanahan, Collene Walter, Isabel Moraguez, Jean Barbieri, Richard Brown, David Kintz, Mati Chibas, Magdalena Chibas, Mercedes Chibas. Our water station contributors—John & Trela Corbett, George & Pat Mikas, Guido Chibas Family, Ivo & Isa Moraguez, Stephen & Cathy Moore and Charles & Kerrie Schandelmayer—were a most welcome sight. Thanks to Vicki Rautbord for putting us in touch with a vendor for our fabulous tee shirts.

Atlantis would like to acknowledge the generous contributions to this Bike-A-Thon event by: Pace Roofing, Hulett Environmental Services, J. Shelhamer Landscaping, Kilday and Associates and Gordon Food Service.

We are very grateful to our adult volunteers: Lindsey Walter, Judy McNiece, Jackie Zloch, and Ivo Moraguez.

A special thanks to our student volunteers: Andrea Schwarzkopf, Heather Martin, Daniel Perla, Jacob McNiece, Logan Kanai, Tasha Karosas, Matthew Moraguez, Carly McNiece, Andy McNiece, Cecilia Padilla, Michael Moraguez, Chelsea Karosas, Nick Fernandez, Andre Fernandez and Daniella Fernandez, Max Blanchard, Robert Creasman, Katie Lewis, Ryan Mahoney, John Masterson, Nick Moore, Patrick Rizk, Cliff Schandelmeyer, Danny Tores, Meagan Tramonte, Teddy Tramonte and Bill Zloch.

This Bike-a-Thon would not have been the success it was without the help and hard work of all the employees including the police department, utilities department and city hall staff. Thanks to our Mayor and Code Enforcement Officer for their time in the dunk tank.

We want to acknowledge all who participated—Fernandez family, Higgins Family, Lanahan family, Konrath family, Jill Harrold, Linda Casale, Ingrid Kehhofer, Richard Brown, Mo & Nicole Thornton, Jean Barbieri, Lindsey & Collene Walter, Paul & Ruth Schwarzkopf, McNiece family, Joyce O'Neil, the Zloch Family, Karosas family, Rizk Family, Asmar family, Peter & Liam Burt, Wilcoxon Family, Taylor Family, Steve & Cathy Moore, Terceira Family, Cestero family, John Fleming, Tyler Blumel, Steve Kintz family, Leckrone family, Kanai family, Tanya Gerst family, Padilla family, Sarubbi family, Fred Furtado, Morgaguez family, Pino family, Jennings family, Danielle Deperro, Michael Karosas & Julie Kintz.

As you can see, it was a real community event! Plans are already underway to make this an annual event. We encourage comments, suggestions and will always need volunteers. If you have any suggestions or you want to contribute in any way, please call Jean Barbieri at City Hall 965-1744.



City of Atlantis Halloween Costume Contest Oct. 31st 5 p.m. Kintz Park

PIZZA AND SODA

All participants need to sign-up by 5:45 p.m. the day of the contest

Prize Categories

Scariest
Most Original
Cutest
Funniest



Age Categories

0 - 3
4 - 7
8 - 11
12 and up

In case of rain, contest will be
held at City Hall.

Questions? Call Leslie Leckrone
at 969-1590 or Jennifer Kintz
at 357-9390.



WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Residents in Atlantis may irrigate two days a week:

For residents with an **odd** numbered address (ending in 1,3,5,7,9) lawn watering is permitted on **Wednesday and Saturday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For residents with **even** numbered address (ending in 0,2,4,6,8) lawn watering is permitted on **Thursday and Sunday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For more information call 800-662-8876 or visit www.sfwmd.gov/conserve

BUSINESS TAX RENEWALS

Local Business Tax Renewal Notices (formerly known as Occupational Licenses) were mailed in July. Payment WAS due by September 30, 2008. Save money by paying promptly—escalating penalties are incurred for payments received after that date. All businesses, commercial and home based, as well as residential rental unit owners are required to obtain a Business Tax Receipt each fiscal year. Contact Joy Cooperman at 561-965-1744 if you need further information about your Business Tax Receipt.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ROOFING PERMITS

The City Council and the Architectural Review Committee met at a Workshop on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, to discuss various items of concern.

By consensus, the two bodies agreed that as a roof is an exterior alteration, it should appropriately come before the Architectural Review Committee for review.

The Architectural Review Committee meets each Wednesday at 8:30am in City Hall. All applications for permits for exterior alterations, including roofs, received by the close of business on Monday each week will be considered that Wednesday. Incomplete applications may be delayed. We need a photo of the house and a sample roof tile, either by brochure or the tile itself.

Please make your contractor aware of this requirement.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you can call City Hall at 965-1744.

BUILDING PERMITS

It is important to check with the City building department to determine if a building permit is necessary. Anything to do with construction, remodeling, fences, pools, windows, doors, driveways, gutters, generators, electrical and plumbing requires a permit. Make sure you ask if your contractor has obtained a permit. Contractors work in various communities and not all regulations are the same. It is your responsibility to know if a building permit is needed and has been obtained. The penalty for doing work without a permit is quite substantial. If you have any questions, call the building department at 561-965-1744.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Michael & Angeline Hurd, 204 Glenbrook Drive

Deaths:

Joseph Grittani, 104 N. Country Club Blvd.
Joann Zook, 181 Atlantis Blvd.

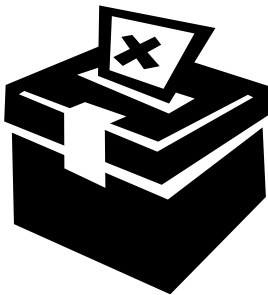
LOCAL VOTERS MAKING LOCAL DECISIONS ... On the November ballot in addition to the race for president and other local races, the Palm Beach County ballot contains a proposed charter amendment. This November County question will ensure that an individual town or city's residents will set their local standards. It is an additional voting right that municipal votes already have in other parts of the state.

The Charter is the "Constitution" of the County and is currently amended only through countywide vote. The County Question will require that any changes in a city's powers, functions, services or authority ALSO be approved by that city's voters. It doesn't take anything away from those who live in unincorporated parts of Palm Beach. It simply expands some voting rights and increases local decision making.

BALLOT TITLE

REQUIRE BOTH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL APPROVAL OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS
AFFECTING MUNICIPAL POWER OR FUNCTION

BALLOT LANGUAGE



Shall the Palm Beach County Charter be amended to have charter amendments that are approved by a majority of Palm Beach County voters take effect in a municipality only if the amendment is also approved by a majority of voters in that municipality, when the proposed amendment transfers or limits a municipal service, function, power or authority?

_____ **YES**

_____ **NO**

What changes if this passes? Voters countywide would no longer be able to change city rules without the approval of that city's voters. Local communities would have greater say in their local decision making. This amendment protects residents against changes to their city services or regulatory authority against their wishes.

How would this affect individual cities? This change would allow voters to set unique community standards that protect the "personality" of their community. Examples of community standards include sign ordinances, green space, public safety standards and building appearance rules.

What about unincorporated voters? Nothing changes for them. Charter Changes affecting rules in unincorporated parts of the county would still be decided by countywide vote.

Does it make cities more powerful? No. This change doesn't give any additional power to City Hall. It doesn't give any additional power to City Commissions or Councils either. It's simply an additional voting right for the people. It allows city residents to have a greater say in their community's standards.

How would the elections work? First—remember that this only affects Charter changes that alter municipal power and it doesn't involve any extra elections. It's simple, everyone goes to the polls and we count the votes countywide. If the changes passes countywide, we count the same votes but this time we do it within each municipality. The altered powers are adopted everywhere the voters agreed to them.

What will it cost? Nothing. It doesn't involve any extra levels of government or any extra costs.

Your City Council has supported this initiative by Resolution. We hope you will support this charter amendment by voting YES on November 4th. For more information, visit letusvote.info.

The Fig Whitefly

This new pest is now present in Atlantis. The Fig whitefly, *Singhiella simplex*, is a very small winged insect. These insects typically feed on the undersides of leaves with their "needle-like" mouthparts. The fig whitefly can seriously injure host plants by sucking juices from them causing wilting, yellowing, stunting, leaf drop and even death.

Although the fig whitefly feeds on several species of the Ficus family, they are perhaps of most concern for their infestation of *Ficus benjamina*, the very common hedge and large tree seen all over the city.

Finding the presence of this insect can prove quite difficult. Several publications have suggested that disturbing the foliage will result in causing the fly, a tiny gnat like white insect, to appear. I must admit that I have not personally been very successful in detecting the whiteflies this way. What we normally see are spots on the undersides of the Ficus leaves. These are normally the remains (skin) of the pupae after the adult has emerged.

What we normally see is a thinning of the hedge. The leaves have thinned out so that the stems of the plant are visible. I have noted that the leaves surrounding the barren area are generally cupped, brittle, and have the tell-tail spots on the bottom. A look at the ground usually exhibits an abnormally large amount of leaves. These may still be green, but quite dry upon closer examination. It is too late to control the insect by spraying these areas. Control must either be before initial infestations or by systemic chemicals applied to the soil around the target plants. Once the leaves are gone, so is the pest. Remember that if your ficus is attacked, cut back on the water. Leaves require large amounts but barren plants can quickly become subject to root problems from excess water.

Recommendations for whitefly prevention and control on ficus leaves consist of applying soaps or plant oils to disrupt egg and pupa development. These treatments must cover the bottom of the leaves and be repeated on a 7 to 10 day schedule. Be careful applying oils when the temperature is over 80 on a sunny day. The foliage can be burned.

Landscape control and prevention is best accomplished by treating the soil around the plants. I can find only two products that are available for these applications. They are **Spectricede Systemic Tree & Shrub Insect Control + Fertilizer** and **Bayer Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Control**. Watch for prohibitions about use around water! As the names say, these are systemic products. Read the labels carefully and apply only as recommended.

It may be to ones advantage to have a commercial applicator treat your Ficus before any whiteflies are detected. They have access to chemicals that reportedly can offer protection for up to 4 months. Remember this is probably not your lawn maintenance person. He is not normally commercially licensed. Unless he contacts someone else, he will probably apply the same chemicals you can yourself.

There is hope that beneficial insects can be detected and introduced to help control fig whiteflies. The University of Florida has reported natural enemies attacking these whiteflies. Of course if these are to be ultimately successful, the use of chemicals will have to be curtailed.

Right now we are watching and hoping that somehow the impact in the city will be minimal. Unfortunately this is not proving realistic in areas where infestations have occurred to date. I am sure more information will be forthcoming in the newspapers and at your garden centers.

Since the city cannot legislate mandatory control measures, some people will be proactive, some will be reactive, and some will just wait and see. How all this works out is to be determined. Good luck whichever method you employ.

Michael C. Dahlgren



Annual Single - \$2,995

Annual Family - \$3,995

Annual Afternoon Single - \$1,995

Annual Afternoon Family - \$2,995

Join now and receive 15 months!

NO initiation fees, NO assessments, NO minimums!

Weekly events for men and women. Monthly social activities.

Contact: Todd Leckrone, Director of Golf (561) 965-7700

HEART WALK UPDATE



Some of your friends and neighbors took place in the Heartwalk on Saturday, September 27th. The fun began at the Meyer Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach and continued for 3.2 miles. Everyone had a great time in spite of the iffy weather. Our thanks go out to our Team Captain, Richard Brown, who organized the Atlantis team once again. As usual, fantastic job Richard! We raised \$2,593!

Heart Walkers and Contributors: Richard & Joan Brown; Gunther & Nualagh Strugger, Bill & Tracy Boyd, Philip DeVillier, Wayne Levine, William Mitchell, Barbara Whitford, Ed & Audrey Halpern, Joanne Cameron, Louise Armstrong, Kevin Adair, Clayton & Vickie Rautbord, David Cantley & Taylor Fulmer; Donald & Arlene Brooks, Barbara Milenskey, David & Cindy Eberley, Ken Norberg, Joyce O'Neil, Michael Graham, Pat Thorne, Linda Clayton, Steve & Cathy Moore, Albert & Paula Chatton, Tom Cairnes, Tom Ryan, Dr. Ron Woods, Ray & Pat Matulis, Joan Cannata-Fox, Linda Casale, Joan Suomila, Dan & Marion Holfca, Gwen James, Collene Walter, Connie Costello, Pat Clager, Cathy & Tim Higgins, Paul & Jennifer Kintz, Mike & Susan Dahlgren.

About the American Heart Association: Every man, woman, and child is at risk of heart disease and stroke, the nation's #1 and #3 killers. The American Heart Association is working to prevent, treat, and defeat these devastating diseases by funding research, increasing people's knowledge and power over their health, and advocating for healthier communities. These efforts are making a difference for present and future generations ... and saving lives.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Of the Atlantis Golf Club meets on the third **Wednesday** of each month at the Atlantis Golf Club. We invite all to attend and have fun.

We review books, have a fruit and danish continental breakfast, meet interesting authors, get to know each other and generally add to our enjoyment of Atlantis living. The cost is \$5.

Call Pat at 561-966-7600.

OIL AND/OR ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

CHILDREN AND ADULTS

3 HOURS—\$20.00 - ADULTS

2 HOURS—\$15.00 - CHILDREN

FABRIC PAINTING CLASS

CHILDREN & ADULTS - 2 HOURS \$20.00.

JEWEL LITTENBERG 964-1683

PAINTING CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 1-4 PM— **RESUME IN FALL**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

JOAN TABARI 561-547-5123

GREAT BOOKS CLUB

MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SIMMA SULZER AT 561-968-7399 OR

DR. BENNETT MILLER 561-968-2675.

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS

Thursday 5-6PM Ages 5-8

Thursday 6-7PM Age 7 & up

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SHERWIN ANDERSON 561-588-4557

CHESS CLUB AND HOMEWORK HELP

SCHEDULE AS NEEDED.

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JEWELRY CLASSES

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS — 6-8 PM

(except in Feb 2009, 2nd & 4th)

CALL MARIE CLAUDE 561-736-5609 or

561-271-8967 EMAIL: CLVERT@AOL.COM

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS CLASS

Basics of tennis with an eye toward getting you playing "The Game of A Lifetime"

WEDNESDAY—7-8 PM

TENNIS ADULT INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED ROUND ROBIN & CLINIC

Extensive Exercise with some advanced drills

THURSDAYS 7-9 PM

Private Lessons Available on Request

Look for information on a Basketball League later in the school year. If interested call

Sherwin Anderson at 561-588-4557

or email him at: mr10s@bellsouth.net

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The City of Atlantis Utilities provides customers with the convenience of Autopay for their utility bills. By providing us your bank information, the city will automatically deduct your utilities payment from your bank account. You may sign up for this service at any time. The following should answer questions concerning this service.

Q. How do I sign up for this service?

A. Complete the authorization form and send it to our office at 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis, FL 33462. Be sure to include a voided check with your form.

Q. How will my bill be paid?

A. On the 5th of the month following the bill date, your account will be debited for the amount of the bill.

Q. Do I have to bank at a certain place?

A. Your financial institution must be able to access the Federal reserve Automated Clearing House (ACH). Most U.S. Financial Institutions have access to this network. Payment must be made in US funds.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT

Please complete and return this form with a voided check:

I authorize the City of Atlantis to instruct my bank/savings institution to make my utility payments from the account listed below. I understand that I control my payments and if at any time I decide to discontinue this service, I will notify the City of Atlantis Utilities. I further understand that items returned unpaid for any reason are subject to a \$25.00 fee.

Customer Name (As shown on bill) _____

Service Address _____

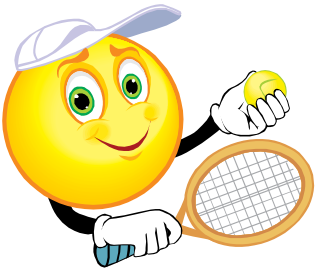
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Financial Institution _____

Account Number _____

Routing Number _____

City of Atlantis Utilities
260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462



Tennis Coach Sherwin Anderson has the following items to offer for the Kids and Adults this Fall



One-

After School Tennis Fall Session- We will learn the basics in tennis with matches scheduled at different times throughout the year.

Thursday 5-6 pm Little Lobbers Ages 5-8 yrs old

Thursday 6-7 pm Hot Shots Ages 7 and Up

Classes Begin on September 11th, 2008

Two

Thursday Evening Adult Intermediate to Advanced Clinic and Round Robin

7-9 pm. Every Thursday. If new please call **561-588-4557** for more information

Extensive exercise with some advanced drills!

Three

7-8 pm on Wednesday Beginners Adult Classes Great for New Players and Players Returning to Tennis

Classes resume on September 3rd, 2008 Please call to register and confirm-561-588-4557

Basics of tennis with an eye toward getting you playing "The Game of A Lifetime" as soon as possible

Four

Private Lessons available on Request with Tennis Professional Sherwin Anderson

Have Coached from Beginners to Professionals- Schedule your lesson today!

New this year- Chess Club and Homework Help- Schedule as needed. Tutoring as needed.

Please call with your interest- Sherwin Anderson Tennis Professional / Chess coordinator/ Homework Tutoring **561-588-4557**

Later in the school year we will schedule a Basketball League - Please call or email with interest at:
mr10s@bellsouth.net

Thank you,

Sherwin Anderson

Tennis Professional City of Atlantis

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